GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM IN REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to strengthen the technical education system in Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs), the Government of India and the Government of UK signed an agreement inJanuary, 1994 for developing multi disciplinary topics across several areas of development;

(b) if so, whether the grants provided for the same during 1994-95 to 1998-99 remained unutilized;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken against the irregularities made in the purchase of stores by the concerned Colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The following information has been received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development :

An amount of Rs.300.00 lakhs each to Maulana Azad College of Technology (MACT),Bhopal and Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli during the years from 1994-1995 to 1998-99 under Indo-UK agreement on strengthening of Technical Education in RECs relatingto Project for Energy Theme was given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, outof which, MACT, Bhopal and REC, Trichy have already utilized Rs.198.93 lakhs andRs.268.20 lakhs respectively for this Project. In addition to this, MACT, Bhopal and REC,Trichy have kept an amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs and Rs.31.80 lakhs respectively as a Seedmoney for activating, maintenance and up keeping of equipment for Theme Centre. Remaining Rs.51.07 lakhs is being utilized in the current financial year by the MACT, Bhopal for the abovepurpose. No irregularities in purchase of stores have been reported. The purchases were made as per guidelines of the College.

(b) to (d) : Do not arise.